

The Humble
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Of the Right Honourable the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
In Parliament Assembled,

PRESENTED TO
H I S M A J E S T Y

On *Wednesday* the Eighteenth Day of *January*, 1726.

WITH
His Majesty's
MOST GRACIOUS
A N S W E R.

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Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal
in Parliament Assembled, That the Address
of this House, presented to His Majesty, and His
Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forth-
with Printed and Published.

W^m Cowper,
Cler^r Parliamentor

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 In PARLIAMENT Assembled.

Die Martis, 17° Januarii, 1726.

Most Gracious Sovereign,



Esteemed Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, humbly beg Leave to return Your Majesty our hearty Thanks for Your Majesty's most Gracious Speech from the Throne. We cannot but esteem our selves in Duty bound most humbly and gratefully to acknowledge Your Majesty's exceeding Goodness, in opening to your Parliament a Scene of the highest Importance to this Kingdom. The World must now be convinced, that the Courts of *Vienna* and *Madrid* have laid the Foundations of such an exorbitant and formidable Power, as may in Time overturn the Balance, and destroy the Liberties of *Europe*. Were we not filled with the deepest Resentment at the Indignities which have been offered to Your Majesty, we should be unworthy of all the Blessings we enjoy under Your Majesty's most Gracious and Excellent Government. The Invasions made upon the Rights and Privileges of Your People in the most important Branches of their Commerce, the Menaces and Insults used towards Your Majesty, the peremptory Demand of the Restitution of *Gibraltar*, which Place, and the Island of *Minorca*, both being of the utmost Consequence to Your People, were yielded up by the present King of *Spain* himself, and do indisputably belong to the Crown of *Great Britain* by most solemn Treaties: But above all, the Engagements entered into for placing a Popish Pretender upon Your Throne, must raise the warmest Indignation in all those who have the least Sense of their Duty to the best of Sovereigns, and any Regard to the Protestant Religion, to the Honour, Interest, and Prosperity of their Country. We are truly sensible of the wise Measures taken by Your Majesty for preventing the Dangers which threatened us, Your early Care in forming and entering into the Defensive Alliance, to which the Accession of

the States General has added so great Weight. The establishing a perfect Harmony, Union, and Concert between Your Majesty, the most Christian King, and the States General ; the several Negotiations which Your Majesty, in Conjunction with Your Allies, is carrying on with *Sweden*, *Denmark*, and other Powers, and the shewing the Power and Influence of Your Naval Force, by the seasonable Equipment of three considerable Squadrons, are the apparent Causes to which, next under God, we owe the Preservation of the Publick Peace, and the preventing the Execution of those destructive and unjust Designs that had been formed against this Nation, and the Liberties of *Europe*. The very great Satisfaction Your Majesty is graciously pleased to express at the Happiness of Your People, in their full Enjoyment of Peace, Ease, and Prosperity ; Your tender Concern, for their sake, at the Prospect of any new Commotions, and Your continual Care every where to preserve and maintain the undoubted Rights and Privileges of all Your Subjects, cannot but fill their Hearts with the most grateful Sense of their Duty, and raise in them the utmost Detestation and Contempt of the vain Imagination of placing a Popish Pretender on the Throne. We do therefore at this important Juncture most humbly beg Leave to assure Your Majesty of our steady and unshaken Fidelity, and that nothing shall ever divert or deter us from making our strongest Efforts for maintaining Your Majesty's undoubted Right and Title to the Crown of this Realm, and for preserving our present happy Establishment : And we beseech Your Majesty to believe, that we will, to the utmost of our Power, enable Your Majesty to make good all Your Engagements with Your Allies, and to preserve the Trade of this Kingdom in its utmost Extent, to vindicate Your Honour, and to assert and defend Your Right to *Gibraltar*, and the Island of *Minorca*, which are of the greatest Importance to the Preservation of the Commerce and Naval Strength of *Great Britain*, and to maintain Your Right to every other Part of Your Dominions, against all Attempts whatsoever ; and that we shall at all times be ready to concur in such proper Measures, as may effectually enable Your Majesty, in Conjunction with Your Allies, to bring to Reason all such Powers as shall at any time disturb the general Peace and Tranquillity of *Europe*.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I thank you heartily for this very Dutiful and Loyal Address ; Your warm Concern for maintaining my Honour, and the Rights of my Crown, and for preserving the Trade of this Kingdom, is a fresh and very seasonable Instance of your Love to your Country, as well as of your Duty and Affection to Me.

Your Approbation of the several Measures I have taken for preserving the Publick Peace and Tranquillity, and securing the Rights and Privileges of my People against all Usurpations, gives me great Satisfaction.

I entirely depend on the many faithful and affectionate Assurances you have given me in this Address : You may as absolutely depend on My constant Endeavours to promote the Happiness of all My People.

